

MOTION

7. Homeowners' Advisory Committee

At the Regular Council meeting on November 15, 2016, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on November 16, 2016, to hear from speakers.

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver is committed to consultation and engaging the community;
2. In July 2011 Council endorsed and approved the mandate of the Bicycle Advisory Committee to be expanded to address all forms of active transportation and the Active Transportation Policy Council was formed;
3. In October 2011 Council committed to establishing an Arts and Culture Policy Council and Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee;
4. In February 2012 Council established the Civic Asset Naming Committee;
5. In April 2013 Council created a Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee;
6. In December 2014 Council approved a motion to establish a Renter's Advisory Committee to address issues unique to renters and engage individuals renting in Vancouver in consultation;
7. City of Vancouver Type A advisory committees at the City of Vancouver include:
 - Active Transportation Policy Council
 - Arts and Culture Policy Council
 - Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee
 - Civic Asset Naming Committee
 - Cultural Communities Advisory Committee,
 - Food Policy Council , LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee
 - Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee
 - Renters Advisory Committee
 - Seniors' Advisory Committee
 - Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee
 - Women's Advisory Committee;
8. City of Vancouver Type B advisory committee include:
 - Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee
 - First Shaughnessy Design Panel,
 - Gastown Historic Planning Committee;

9. There is currently no committee that specifically addresses the needs or issues facing homeowners;
10. The National Household Survey, published by Statistics Canada confirms in their most recent data from 2011 that there are 264,570 private homes in the City of Vancouver;
11. Council regularly makes decisions that affect homeowners. For example, in 2016 Council supported motions including an empty home tax, a new process and regulations for short term rentals and proposed changes to the homeowners grant;
12. Affordable Housing has been identified as a priority of the City of Vancouver and in June 2015 Council unanimously approved and committed to Affordable Home Ownership;
13. The City of Vancouver has identified affordable housing as a priority and actions have been taken to encourage home owners to rent properties when appropriate;
14. There is currently no committee where homeowners can specifically address issues and concerns or provide advice on policy that affects homeowners;
15. The City of Vancouver has a history of updating and adding committees to represent the needs, interests and issues facing different groups of people in Vancouver.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council establish a new Type A committee named the Homeowners' Advisory Committee, governed by the mandate and terms of references that govern other Type A City of Vancouver Advisory Committees.
- B. THAT the Homeowners' Advisory Committee begin clerked meetings as of the new term for Advisory Committees in March 2017.

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